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Janet Jackson (left) and Michael Jackson's daughter, Paris Michael, appear at Tuesday's memorial service. L.A. TIMES

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Millions mourn, celebrate the life of Michael Jackson

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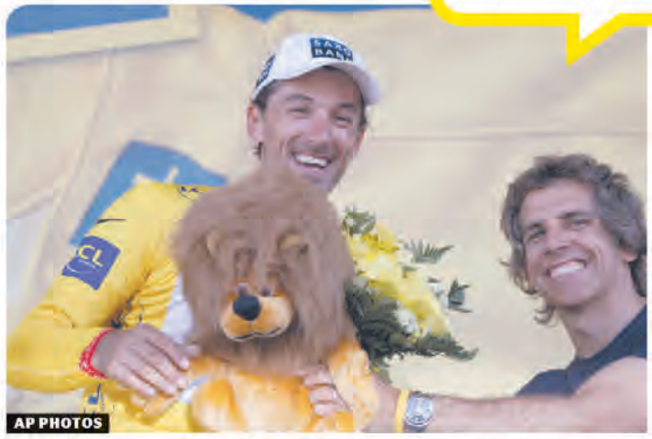

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Monday's winner: "I learned this new pose from America's Next Top Model. It brings out my Valentino bone structure. So hot!"

—GIXXER BARRETT

Office spaces

Marianne Velonis (left) and Amanda Latifi inside their office at DDB advertising.

Can you pimp out your office like celebs do their homes on MTV's "Cribs"? The answer is, you bet!

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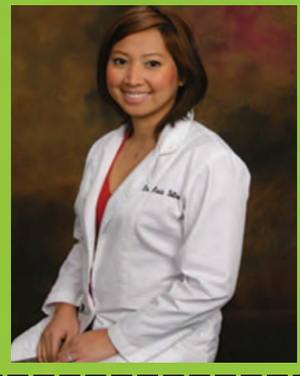

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Dennis Slice, a Florida State University associate professor of scientific computing, analyzes a Volkswagen Beetle's personality. Slice, and other researchers, conducted a study that explores the belief that cars project personalities. AP

What's driving you?

A Beetle's 'cute' and Mustangs have testosterone—researchers studying whether cars have personalities

Associated Press

The butterfly decals on the front bumper, flowers in the dashboard vase and lime-green paint job only confirmed Dennis Slice's perception of a Volkswagen Beetle parked in a lot at Florida State University.

Slice, a shape analysis researcher, said the narrow body, wide-eyed circular headlights, tall windshield and curve of the bug's hood match the facial features of a smiling woman or child.

"This is the classic cute car—not dominant, not aggressive," said Slice, an associate professor of scientific computing at FSU. "I don't think anyone could be mean to someone else in a Volkswagen Beetle."

Slice and fellow researchers at Austria's Vienna University, where he's a guest professor, are exploring the widely held belief that cars project personalities because they look like human faces when viewed head-on.

Cartoonists, for instance, long have drawn anthropomorphic cars with toothy grills that grinned or frowned and headlights that winked or blinked. The creators of the recent animated film "Cars," though, used windshields for eyes. They were afraid headlight peepers would have given racer Lightning McQueen a snakelike appearance.

Three cars parked near the Beetle offer examples of the opposite end of the personality spectrum. A Mitsubishi Eclipse, Ford Mustang and Dodge Charger each practically ooze testosterone.

Slice said future research may look at whether cars' personalities relate to drivers' habits and interactions.

"Possibilities are if you see an aggressive car in your rear view mirror you may be more like to pull over and yield to it," he said. "By the same token, if you see a submissive or more immature car trying to get into traffic you may be more likely to yield to it and help the innocent little car get into traffic."

Another question is whether drivers have the same personalities as their cars.

Slice got a bit of anecdotal evidence in the parking lot from Gwen Oliver, a custodial supervisor at Florida State, after telling her that her black Eclipse is dominant, aggressive, powerful and "ready to take care of business."

"I am. Everything you said, I'm like that," Oliver told him after she briskly walked over to see why he was interested in her car. "I'm aggressive, I'm straightforward and I'm outgoing and I believe in getting the job done."

NEUTRAL STANCE

Slice and his Vienna colleagues hope their work one day may help designers determine what parts of a car, such as the headlights, grill or windshield, they can change—and how—to project traits that make cars more appealing to different kinds of customers.

BY THE NUMBERS

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And while 123456789 day is unique, it's not the only mathematically-significant day. Here are a few others that stand out. REDEYE

09:09:09 on 09/09/09

If 9 is your lucky number, you'll want to be awake and watching the second hand at 9:09 a.m. and 9 seconds on September 9.

01:03 on 05/07/09

Do you remember where you were at this very odd moment?

03/03/09

If you missed Square Root Day on March 3, it's only 7 years until the next one on 04/04/16.

03/14 and 07/22

TT Math geeks only beyond this point, please. If you missed Pi Day on March 14, you've got another shot—kind of. Pi Approximation Day is 7/22, which actually becomes clearer overseas when it's 22/7—which is equal to 3.14. Pi. Got it? Good. Now, please explain it to us.

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Parenthood isn't for everyone

Back off kid craze

In a society so allegedly supportive of lifestyle choices, it continually amazes me how many people are so pushy about getting married and having children toward those that are single and childless ("No-kid zone," June 29 cover story). Even more selfish are the family members who try to push this decision on children, grandchildren, etc.

I'm also not pleased at this generation's push to make every event and every venue "child friendly." Sometimes adults just want to have some "adult social time," away from their own and others' kids.

—AARON NUTE-STANDISH, 33, LAKEVIEW

Racist robots?

I read the column about the "Transformers" bots and I also saw the movie ("Robots: Jar Jar 'in car form'?" Kyles Files column, June 26). My opinion is that the whole "racial radar" thing is annoying. I see it as an object that feeds off attention. The more attention you give it, the larger it grows.

Was it [director] Michael Bay's intent? Who knows, but you have to admit, everyone mocks everyone in films, comedy, etc. I'm a Latino. If the robots came out with a Spanish accent and mumbling random phrases in Spanish, I honestly would laugh, but I guess that's just me and how I handle things. If we live in a world where we think that everyone is out to put other people down, we will never advance as a people.

—DIETER PEDROZA, 27, BRIGHTON PARK

Pop culture confusion

I am constantly amazed at the duplicity of pop culture. Last week, I was watching as a designer was booted from "The Fashion Show" by Isaac Mizrahi because she didn't know what a B-girl was (I frankly spent the entire episode clueless also), and when the designer expressed her ignorance, she was lambasted by the judges for not being aware of hip-hop culture.

Then "Transformers" opens and it does pay homage to hip-hop and it's called racist? Seriously? What has the world come to? There is a lexicon to hip-hop and rap that has nothing to do with race—it has to do with a form of expression.

—MARK BENZER, 40, ANDERSONVILLE

Hunk heaven

Although I am a "moral person" who would not partake in a polyamorous lifestyle ("Multi-love: It's complicated," June 22 cover story), if I did, I would like to get some tips from Patricia Bennett. This woman has not one hunk but two! You go girl!

—JANE BLAND, 44, CICERO

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Farewell, Michael

Chicago, Gary join in worldwide tribute to the King of Pop and his career

From news services

A day of laughter, tears and song left the world with an enduring image—Michael Jackson's daughter Paris Michael's tearful farewell to her father—as thousands paid tribute to the King of Pop in L.A. and millions more watched from around the globe.

Jackson was eulogized in words and song Tuesday by an all-star list of musicians, athletes and other celebrities during a mournful ceremony in L.A.'s Staples Center, with the most poignant moment delivered by his sobbing 11-year-old daughter.

"I just want to say ever since I was born, Daddy has been the best father you can ever imagine. And I just wanted to say I love him so much," Paris Michael Jackson said before almost collapsing in the arms of her aunt Janet Jackson.

With only passing references made to his personal troubles, Jackson was praised as a music pioneer and a barrier-breaking cultural figure in a service that echoed all over the world.

In Chicago's Daley Plaza, as many as 150 people stood in silence during the normally bustling lunch hour, every head turned toward a JumboTron screen.

Even in quieter parts of the downtown—at a Best Buy on Michigan Avenue, the bar in the House of Blues—Chicagoans gathered to watch Tuesday's live broadcast.

"This is the finale for Michael Jackson," said Tony Stevens, a 34-year-old peanut vendor who sat outside the ABC studios on State Street to watch the broadcast from the Staples Center. "This is the day that Michael Jackson will be put to rest. Everything he worked for ends today."

Sitting on a tan leather couch at the Best Buy on Michigan Avenue, Rodney Stewart said he had come to " honor and memorialize, and basically to pay tribute" to Jackson.

The Harold Washington Cultural Center showed the broadcast before a capacity crowd of roughly 700. As it began, the lights went down. Soon the audience was laughing, cheering and crying along with the mourners in L.A. When Motown Records founder Berry Gordy Jr. declared that Jackson was "the greatest entertainer of all time," the Chicago crowd roared with approval. Later, they chanted "Michael! Michael!"

Jackson's hometown of Gary, Ind., mourned and celebrated the superstar it calls its own.

"Our city doesn't have the best reputation, but Michael Jackson made it acceptable for people to come to Gary all night long," said William Salaam, a clothing store owner selling T-shirts and hats across the street from Jackson's home. Many of the shirts said "Pride of Gary."

Following a private service at Forest Lawn cemetery in the Hollywood Hills, the memorial service began as Jackson's gilded casket—borne by a group of pallbearers each wearing a sequined glove—was brought into Staples Center to a standing ovation.

Mariah Carey and Trey Lorenz sang Jackson's "I'll Be There." Jennifer Hudson sang his hit "Will You Be There." And John Mayer performed "Human Nature" on his guitar. Usher broke down in tears after singing "Gone Too Soon."

And Jackson's brother, Jermaine Jackson, sang what actress Brooke Shields called Jackson's favorite song: "Smile," from the Charlie Chaplin movie "Modern Times."

Holding back tears, Shields told the crowd that the two former child stars were always "two little kids having fun" when they were together. She recalled Jackson trying to teach her—unsuccessfully—to do the moonwalk. "He was caring and funny, honest, pure, non-jaded and a lover of life," she said.

Emotions rose when Rev. Al Sharpton delivered a fiery eulogy highlighting all the barriers Jackson broke and the troubles he faced. "Every time he got knocked down, he got back up," Sharpton said, and the applauding crowd jumped to its feet.

"There wasn't nothing strange about your daddy," Sharpton said later, addressing Jackson's three children in the front row. "It was strange what your daddy had to deal with!"

The ceremony wrapped up with group performances of "We Are the World" and "Heal the World" sung by Lionel Richie, Hudson and Jackson family members.

Back in Chicago, Edith Beasley, 48, of Chatham, was one of the first to show up at Harold Washington Cultural Center, arriving more than three hours before the service was scheduled to air. By the time the event was over, Beasley said she felt soothed and at peace.

"You know, I cried, I laughed, I smiled, I sang—it was worth it. I'm feeling better."

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REDEYE ONLINE Visit our virtual memorial to Michael Jackson at **redeyechicago.com/mj** to share your thoughts, photos, videos, tweets and more.

Chicago's virtual memorial

As Chicagoans watched the Michael Jackson memorial Tuesday, RedEye gave them a place to gather and pay tribute online. We accepted e-mails, photos, videos, tweets and live comments at **redeyechicago.com/mj**. Here are some highlights.

TWITTER

@leo9i great quote: It was fitting that in death, he [MJ] momentarily silenced the largest arena humanity has ever known, the Internet.

@realhunnie Michael Jackson is the solid foundation that build the talent that we have today. He will always be the greatest. MJ 4ever

@zeynoo amazing memorial. brooke shields and usher made me cry, but MJ's daughter made us cry hysterically, RIP MJ we all love you

LIVE COMMENTS

Lindsey from Lakeview: Trying to juggle work and a tribute to the best artist of our time—but so worth it. Love you forever Michael. God bless!

Jackie D.: Thanks MJ, you provided the soundtrack to some of the best times of my life.

LeslieSykes: its so hard to think that Mj is in the casket. (watching his memorial)

Rapunzel1029: Listening to "Earth Song" right now. After 3 hours of crying I think this song is appropriate.

MundoAcosta: Rest in peace Michael Jackson. Thank you for sharing your talents and gifts with the world. Que Dios este

Pallbearers carrying Michael Jackson's coffin Tuesday leave the Staples Center stage. GETTY IMAGES

Jackson's children take center stage

Los Angeles Times

With all the mourning and music, celebrity performers and soaring speeches Tuesday, it was easy to overlook a quieter spectacle taking place. Michael Jackson's memorial served as a grand unveiling for the singer's children.

While their father was one of the most photographed men in the last half-century, his sons Prince Michael II, 7, and Michael Joseph Jr., 12, and daughter Paris Michael Katherine, 11, have remained in the shadows for most of their young lives, surfacing only in paparazzi photos and until recently, wearing fanciful masks whenever they were in public.

On Tuesday, however, the children arrived before the eyes of the world without disguises. They sat in the front row throughout the memorial, flanking their grandmother Katherine Jackson.

During a segment near the memorial's conclusion in which the Jackson brothers delivered their heartfelt recollections of Michael, the young trio took center stage for the first time. Paris could be seen maternally clutching Prince Michael (who carried a Michael Jackson doll) and clinging to her aunt, Janet Jackson. Dressed in a black suit, Michael Joseph seemed to be awed by the spotlight.

Then came the unscripted moment widely considered to be the memorial's emotional high-point. Fighting back tears, Jackson's daughter came forward to deliver her own remarks.

"I just wanted to say I love him," she said.

NO CAUSE OF DEATH YET

Michael Jackson's death certificate has been released without a listed cause of death, and a coroner said investigators are still testing the singer's brain. Public health officials issued the death certificate on Tuesday. The cause of death is listed as "deferred." Assistant Chief Coroner Ed Winter said Jackson's brain, or at least part of it, was still being held by investigators and would be returned to the family for interment once neuropathology tests were completed. AP

FRANKFURT, Germany TV screens show the commemoration service for Michael Jackson Tuesday in a store. The memorial to Jackson in L.A. was televised live around the world. AP

Memorial felt all around the world

« **HARLEM, N.Y.** Annetta Williams (center) dances with other fans outside the Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building. AP

GARY, Ind. Jean Wright cries as Usher sings. DAVID PIERINI/TRIBUNE

TEL AVIV A woman plays a game in a bar while the memorial is broadcast on a screen. AP

LONDON Fans watch the L.A. memorial service on a TV screen outside the O2 arena in southeast London where he was scheduled to play 50 shows this month. AP

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MissAir: Before I knew of R&B or Soul, I knew of Michael Jackson and his music. We have truly lost someone special to all of us.

Ms. Saunders: I have been trying really hard to not be depressed, but today, I think it's catching up with me. ... I was one of the millions of little girls who was supposed to "marry Michael when I grow up." ... My condolences and prayers go out to his family.

David Thompson: Long live the King of Pop! His memory and music will live on long after his haters move on to someone else.

chicago

Owe money to the city? Collectors may be calling

Chicago Tribune

The same bill collectors who pester debtors on behalf of credit-card companies are being recruited by City Hall to go after anybody who owes money to the cash-strapped city.

Just months after pushing through highly unpopular parking meter rate hikes as part of a lease, Mayor Daley's administration is looking for private collection agencies to track down people with unpaid parking tickets, delinquent water bills and other debts.

Last year alone, past-due fines and taxes amounted to tens of millions of dollars, including almost $95 million in unpaid water bills alone.

"Whether it's municipal governments like the City of Chicago, or state or federal agencies, they are having trouble making ends meet," said Thomas Penaluna, president of CBE Group, a Waterloo, Iowa-based collection agency among 13 companies expressing interest in doing business with the city. "They need to find any way possible to increase revenues."

The city sends letters to debtors and sometimes hires law firms to try to collect. Now the Daley administration plans to hire one or more companies to assist in recovering the debts, city documents show. City Hall then would pay the collection agencies a percentage of what they are able to get debtors to fork over.

Collection agencies long have been a target for consumer rights advocates, who said Tuesday that Daley might not find it cost-effective or popular to privatize efforts to cash in the city's chits.

"A lot of the private companies that are in line for collecting government debt have long histories of hiring people who are abusive toward debtors," said Joe Ridout, spokesman for Consumer Action in San Francisco.

Ed Walsh, spokesman for the city's Revenue Department, shrugged off a question Tuesday about public perception of collection agencies. "We have to review each company on their individual merits," Walsh said. "There are plenty of reputable collection agencies."

Rush-hour traffic clogs the Kennedy Expressway near the Cumberland exit Tuesday. LANE CHRISTIANSEN/TRIBUNE

Still a slow-go

Chicago traffic improves a bit but plenty of bumps are ahead

Chicago Tribune

Marking a rare breather from almost constant traffic growth over the past quarter-century, congestion has eased up ever so slightly in the Chicago region, at first due to rising fuel prices, more recently because of the recession.

But the road to economic recovery is paved with speed bumps, according to a report issued Wednesday by congestion researchers, who predict longer commutes as the recession recedes.

In a long-running study conducted by the Texas Transportation Institute, the Chicago area and northwest Indiana retained the distinction in 2007 of posting the second-worst ranking in the U.S. for how much longer each trip takes during most times of the day due to traffic tie-ups. Only the L.A. region had worse results.

In addition, the price tag for congestion in the Chicago region, factoring in wasted time and fuel, totals about $4.2 billion a year, the study said. It translates to more than 129 million gallons of excess fuel consumed annually, or about 28 gallons wasted by each driver in the Chicago region.

The bright spot, supposing there is one? In 2007, the latest year studied, drivers here averaged a whopping 18 seconds less time each day battling traffic.

Kathryn Kawczynski hasn't noticed any change in her commute. The drive from her Rogers Park home to her job in Elk Grove Village takes a solid hour one way. She'd swap shoes with a train or bus rider any day, she said.

"I would love to take public transportation, but there's not really any way to do that," said Kawczynski, 23. "I would have to take two trains and a bus, then magically walk about 5 miles to work."

NO QUICK FIX

What are the best solutions to reduce congestion? More of everything, the Texas researchers said. Their recommendations include:

» Improving traffic-signal timings to boost traffic flow.
» Removing vehicles involved in crashes rapidly.
» Adding capacity, not only on highways but also on rail lines and other key corridors.
» Increasing opportunities for employees to work flexible hours outside the major rush periods or to work from home.
» Encouraging communities to build transit-oriented developments where housing, jobs and stores are within range of pedestrians, bicyclists and transit customers.

Drivers can bank on the fact that roadway bottlenecks will return with a vengeance once the economy improves, according to this year's update of the congestion study that has been conducted for 25 years by the transportation institute.

"The vast majority of commuters who are driving in the most-congested hours of the day probably haven't noticed much difference in travel time," said David Schrank, an associate research scientist at the institute who co-wrote the study.

Despite a decrease in miles vehicles traveled annually in the U.S., drivers in northeastern Illinois and neighboring areas of Indiana spent 41 extra hours behind the steering wheel in 2007 as a result of badly clogged highways and major streets, the study found. That's a slight improvement from 43 hours of delay in 2006, but it's still the equivalent of spending a full work week stuck in traffic.

Gov. Quinn flips on budget cuts

A day after he said he'd take responsibility for $1 billion in budget cuts, Gov. Quinn on Tuesday instead threw the issue back into the laps of lawmakers. Quinn said the veto was the "ultimate cut" and that he's extending a hand for lawmakers to craft a budget "together." The move allows Quinn to avoid making the cuts himself, at least for now. Lawmakers are scheduled to take up the still-unresolved budget in a special session Tuesday.

Daley defends police

Despite a bloody holiday weekend that left nearly a dozen dead across the city, Mayor Daley on Tuesday defended police efforts to reduce violence—and denied they were focused too much on the Taste of Chicago. "Anytime you have a long weekend, weekends are very difficult, especially big, holiday weekends," Daley said, adding that police were continuing to investigate the motives behind the crimes.

I-290 work begins

Traffic was reduced from five lanes to four after construction started Tuesday on the eastbound lanes of the Eisenhower, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. The $2 million project will run from Racine to the Circle Interchange and is expected to be completed in October, a spokesperson said.

Chinese food spill

The southbound side of the Tri-State Tollway was backed up Tuesday morning near 95th Street after two vehicles were involved in a crash that left 9,000 pounds of Chinese food on the road, Illinois State Police said. Neither driver was seriously injured, said Master Sgt. Robert Fierstein.

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1 Franken sworn in

Al Franken became a senator on Tuesday, completing the transformation from comedian to politician. The Minnesota Democrat's swearing-in marked the end of an eight-month political and legal struggle.

2 Political mediator

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Tuesday that Costa Rican President Oscar Arias will serve as international mediator in the Honduran political crisis.

3 Serial killer

The two people with the suspected South Carolina serial killer when he was shot to death by police were siblings who met him two weeks ago and didn't know about his killing spree, police in Gaffney, S.C., said Tuesday.

4 Hostage held

An advertising executive kidnapped his ex-wife from a parking garage Tuesday, held her hostage in a South Windsor, Conn., home and fired shots out of the house, police and the man's lawyer said.

5 Gitmo claim

A former Guantanamo Bay prisoner says the U.S. has photographs of him being beaten during his detention and has asked a judge to preserve the evidence.

6 Iran pushes on

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Tuesday sought to put the turmoil over the disputed presidential elections behind him and declared on national TV that the contests were clean, fair and the start of a new era.

7 Obamas in Russia

In Moscow, Michelle Obama took time away from her husband's public diplomacy Tuesday to share a laugh with Russian orphans, hobnob with volunteer nurses and watch dazzling folk dancers.

DIGIT

$630

Sony said Tuesday it will launch a tiny new laptop in August, the company's belated entry into the growing but cutthroat "netbook" PC market. It is expected to go on sale in the U.S. sometime after August and cost about $630.

Internet plays key role in China unrest

8 **BEIJING** The brawl between Han Chinese and Uighurs in southern China was scarcely covered by state media, but accounts and photos spread quickly via the Internet and became a spark that helped ignite deadly riots thousands of miles away in the Uighur homeland.

Even in tightly controlled China, relatively unfettered commentaries and images circulating on Web sites helped stir up tensions and rally people to join an initially peaceful protest in the Xinjiang region that spiraled into violence Sunday, leaving more than 150 people dead.

In China, as in Iran and other hotspots, the Internet, social networking and micro-blogging are playing a central role in mobilizing people power—and becoming contested ground as governments fight back.

In the Internet age, events in "places like Xinjiang or Tibet, which were always considered very remote," can suddenly become close and immediate for people around the world, said Xiao Qiang, director of the Berkeley China Internet Project at the University of California-Berkeley.

Since the outburst in the Xinjiang capital of Urumqi, the Chinese government has blocked Twitter and Facebook, scrubbed news sites, unplugged the Internet entirely in some places and slowed it and cell phone service to a crawl in others to stifle reports about the violence—and get its own message out that authorities are in control.

Ethnic Uighur women grab a riot policeman Tuesday as they protest in Urumqi in China's far west Xinjiang province. Police fired clouds of acrid tear gas to disperse thousands of protesters armed with makeshift weapons. GETTY IMAGES

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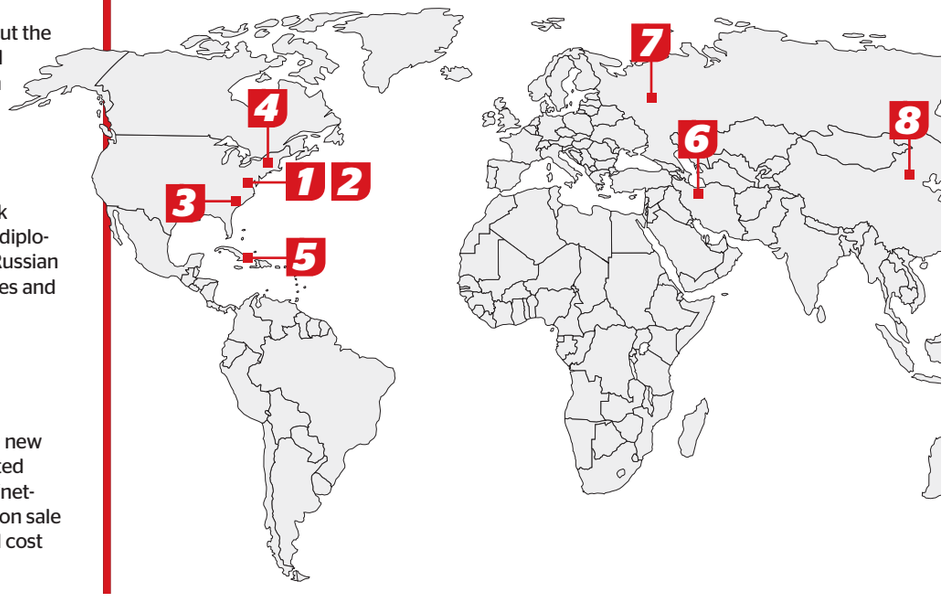
Expunged from some sites, photos were posted and reposted, some on overseas servers beyond the reach of censors. Their impact was amplified by postings on bulletin boards and other sites.



Online radio deal

The future of Internet radio appears more secure now that a handful of online stations have reached an agreement to head off a potentially crippling increase in copyright royalty rates.

The deal is the product of two years of negotiations between webcasters and copyright holders.

The talks were needed after the federal Copyright Royalty Board had dramatically increased the rates that Internet radio stations must pay artists and recording labels. Many Internet radio stations have warned that the higher rates would put them out of business.

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- **Transformers** (PG–13) 10:30,12:15,2:00,3:45,5:30,7:15,9:00,10:45
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 11:40,2:15,5:00,7:30,10:10
- **Year One** (PG–13) 11:20,1:50,4:45,7:35,10:20
- **Pelham 123** (R) 10:40,1:30,4:00,6:50,10:00
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:50,2:45,5:15,8:00,10:30
- **Up** (PG) 10:45,1:40,4:15,7:00,9:45

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- **Girl-Monaco** (R) 2:05,4:30,7:20,9:55
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- **Whatever Works** (PG–13) 1:50,4:25,7:10,9:40
- **Chéri** (R) 1:55,4:15,7:05,9:50
- **Stoning-Soraya** (R) 1:40,4:20,7:00,9:45
- **Food, Inc.** (PG) 2:00,4:40,7:15,9:45
- **Tetro** (NR) 1:45,4:30,7:20,10:10

CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)
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- **Ice Age** (PG) ★ 1:00,2:10,3:50,4:50,6:20,7:20,8:50,10:00
- **Ice Age: Dawn** (PG) ★ 12:10,2:50,5:20,7:50,10:40
- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 12:45,1:10,3:00,4:00,4:30,6:10,7:10,7:40,9:30,10:30
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 12:50,1:20,2:40,3:10,4:10,4:40,6:05, 6:30,7:30,8:00,9:20,9:50 ;
- **Transformers** (PG–13) (Closed caption) 12:20,3:40,7:00,10:20
- **Year One** (PG–13) 12:40,3:30,6:50,9:10
- **The Hangover** (R) 2:00,5:00,8:15,10:45
- **Up** (PG) 1:40,4:20,6:40,9:00

DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)
4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago
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- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 11:20,2:00,4:40,7:20,10:00
- **Transformers** (PG–13) ★ 12:30,3:30,6:30,9:30
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:00,1:15,3:30,5:45,8:00,10:10
- **Up** (PG) 12:00,2:15,4:30,7:00
- **Pelham 123** (R) 9:15 P.M.
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- **Ice Age: Dawn** (PG) 10:15,12:05,12:45,2:20,3:15,4:40,5:45, 7:00,8:15,9:30,10:45
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 10:30,11:25,12:30,1:45,2:45,3:45,5:00, 6:10,7:10,8:10,9:40,10:20
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 10:00,12:25,2:50,5:20,7:50,10:25
- **Year One** (PG–13) 10:10,12:15
- **Imagine That** (PG) 11:45,2:15,4:45,7:40,10:10
- **Pelham 123** (R) 10:50,1:20,3:50,6:40,9:15
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:00,1:30,4:10,6:20,8:30,10:40
- **Up** (PG) 10:00,12:20,3:00,5:40,8:00,10:20
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG–13) 10:40,1:00,3:30,6:00,8:30,10:45
- **Dance Flick** (PG–13) 2:25,4:50,7:20,9:35

GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER
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- **Che** (NR) 6:15
- **Azur & Asmar** (NR) 7:45
- **Sita Sings** (NR) 6:00

LOGAN THEATRE
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago
(773) 252-0628

- **Up** (PG) 2:00,4:05,6:05,8:10
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 2:15,5:45,8:20
- **Land of Lost** (PG–13) 2:10,4:15,6:20,8:30
- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 1:55,4:10,6:25,8:40

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- **Hate Valentine** (PG–13) 5:45,7:45,9:45
- **Séraphine** (NR) 4:30,7:00,9:30

PIPERS ALLEY (AMC)
1608 N. Wells, Chicago
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- **Kambakkht Ishq** (NR) 11:15,2:40,6:00
- **Pelham 123** (R) 11:30,2:10,4:40,7:10
- AMC Select **Moon** (R) 11:55,2:30,5:00,7:30
- AMC Select **Brothers Bloom** (PG–13) 11:00,4:30
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 1:30,7:00

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- **Ice Age** (PG) ◆ 12:00,2:30,5:15,7:50,10:30
- **Public Enemies** (R) 10:15,11:30,12:15,12:50,1:35,2:50,3:30, 4:10,5:00,6:15,7:00,7:30,8:30,9:45,10:30,11:00
- **Ice Age: Dawn** (PG) 10:00,11:00,12:40,1:40,3:15,4:15,6:50,9:30
- **My Sister's Kpr** (PG–13) 10:45,12:35,1:45,3:20,4:30,7:25,10:25
- AMC Select **Chéri** (R) 10:25,12:55,3:20,6:00,8:35
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 10:05,12:05,12:30,1:00,1:30,3:25,4:00, 4:40,5:10,6:10,7:10,7:40,8:50,9:50,10:50
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 10:10,1:05,4:05,10:00
- **Year One** (PG–13) 12:20,3:00,5:30,8:00,10:55
- AMC Select **Away We Go** (R) 11:10,1:50,4:20,6:45,9:20
- AMC Select **Whatever Works** (PG–13) 10:20,12:45,3:10,5:55,8:40
- **Pelham 123** (R) 11:45,2:25,5:25,8:10,10:45
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:40,2:15,5:05,6:05,7:45,8:45,10:35
- **Up** (PG) 10:30,1:20,3:50,6:20,8:55
- **Star Trek** (PG–13) 8:20 P.M.

CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)
7000 Carperter Rd., Skokie
(800) 326-3264 #2309

- **Ice Age** (PG) ★ 1:00,1:30,3:50,4:20,6:20,6:50,8:50,9:40
- **Ice Age: Dawn** (PG) ★ 2:10,4:50,7:20,10:10
- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 1:10,3:00,4:30,6:10,7:40,9:30
- **My Sister's Kpr** (PG–13) ★ 1:40,4:15,6:45,10:00
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 12:20,12:50,1:20,2:40,3:10,3:40,4:10, 4:40,6:05,6:30,7:00,7:30,8:00,9:20,9:50,10:20,10:50
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 1:15,2:00,3:45,5:15,6:40,7:50,9:15,10:45
- **Year One** (PG–13) 12:30,2:50,5:30,8:10,10:40
- **Pelham 123** (R) 3:20,6:15,9:00
- **The Hangover** (R) 2:20,5:00,7:45,10:15
- **Up** (PG) 1:50,4:45,7:15,9:45
- **Angels & Demons** (PG–13) 12:15 P.M.

WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES)
1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
(800) 326-3264 #1641

- **Ice Age** (PG) ★ 1:00,3:50,6:20,8:50
- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 12:45,1:10,3:00,3:30,4:00,4:30,6:10, 6:40,7:10,7:40,9:30,10:00,10:30
- **My Sister's Kpr** (PG–13) ★ 12:30,1:20,4:20,7:30,10:10
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 12:20,3:10,3:40,6:30,7:00,9:50,10:20
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 12:10,2:30,5:20,8:00,10:45
- **The Hangover** (R) 1:30,2:50,4:10,5:10,6:50,7:50,9:20,10:15

SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES)
E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave.
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- **Ice Age** (PG) ★ 1:00,3:50,6:20,8:50
- **Ice Age: Dawn** (PG) ★ 1:00,1:30,2:10,3:50,4:20,4:50,6:20,6:50, 7:15,8:50,9:40,9:45
- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 12:45,4:00,7:10,10:30
- **My Sister's Kpr** (PG–13) ★ 12:40,3:30,6:10,9:00
- **Transformers** (PG–13) 12:50,1:20,3:10,4:10,4:40,6:30,7:30,8:00,9:50
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 1:10,3:45,6:40,9:30
- **Year One** (PG–13) 1:40 P.M.
- **Pelham 123** (R) 4:15,6:45,9:55
- **The Hangover** (R) 2:40,5:10,7:40,10:15
- **Drag Me to Hell** (PG–13) 2:30,5:00,7:50,10:40
- **Up** (PG) 1:50,4:30,7:15,9:45

CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)
4779 W. Cermak
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- **Ice Age** (PG) ★ 1:00,3:50,6:20,8:50
- **Ice Age: Dawn** (PG) ★ 1:30,2:10,4:20,4:50,6:50,7:20,9:40,10:10
- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 12:45,3:00,4:00,6:10,7:10,9:30,10:30
- **My Sister's Kpr** (PG–13) ★ 2:00,4:40,7:50,10:45
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- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 1:40,4:15,6:45,9:45
- **Year One** (PG–13) 12:30,2:50,5:15,8:00
- **Pelham 123** (R) 10:40 P.M.
- **The Hangover** (R) 2:30,5:00,7:40,10:15
- **Up** (PG) 1:10,4:30,7:15,9:55

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)
1022 Lake Street
630-444-FILM #560

- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 1:20,4:10,7:00,9:50
- **Ice Age** (PG) ★ 12:00,2:10,4:20,6:30,8:40
- **Transformers** (PG–13) ★ 12:00,1:20,3:10,4:30,6:20,7:40,9:30
- **The Proposal** (PG–13) 12:00,2:25,4:50,7:15,9:40
- **The Hangover** (R) 12:50,3:05,5:20,7:35,9:50
- **Up - Disney 3D** (PG) 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45,9:00
- **Clone Wars** (PG) 10:00 A.M.

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CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)
1715 MAPLE AVE.
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- **Away We Go** (R) 12:15,2:50,5:20,7:55,10:25
- **Chéri** (R) ★ 11:55,2:20,4:40,7:00,9:30
- **Ice Age** (PG) ★ 11:30,2:00,4:30,7:00,9:30
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- **Moon** (R) 12:05,2:40,5:10,7:45,10:10
- **My Sister's Kpr** (PG–13) ★ 11:35,2:10,4:45,7:20,10:00
- **Public Enemies** (R) ★ 11:30,12:45,1:50,2:45,4:00,5:05,6:00, 7:15,8:20,9:15,10:30
- **The Hangover** (R) 11:35,2:00,4:30,7:10,9:40
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- **Up** (PG) 12:00,2:25,4:55,7:25,9:55
- **Whatever Works** (PG–13) ★ 12:10,2:35,4:50,7:10,9:30
- **Year One** (PG–13) 7:35,10:05

sports

Lance Armstrong follows teammate Alberto Contador during Tuesday's team time trial at the 2009 Tour de France. GETTY IMAGES

Lance living strong

Just like old times, all eyes are on second-place Armstrong at Tour de France

Associated Press

MONTPELLIER, France The Tour de France is turning into the Tour de Lance again.

Seven-time champ Lance Armstrong surged from third place to second on Tuesday after his Astana squad won a team time trial in a dramatic finish.

He erased all but a sliver of his 40-second deficit to leader Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland in the fourth stage. The only thing separating him from the yellow jersey now is a fraction of a second.

"Boo-YA!!!" Armstrong wrote on Twitter. "Well, what can I say? The team was simply awesome today. Consistent, fluid, mistake-free. We love this event ... and are stoked to win."

Tour de France
Fifth stage
7:30 a.m. VS.

The performance was reminiscent of Armstrong's dominance in the team time trial for the last three years of his string of victories from 1999 to 2005. This is his comeback year at the Tour after 3½ years of retirement.

Astana was timed in 46 minutes, 29 seconds for the 24.2-mile ride in and around Montpellier. That was 18 seconds better than runner-up Garmin.

Armstrong entered the day 40 seconds behind Cancellara of Saxo Bank. At the last intermediate time check (19 miles), Astana was 41 seconds faster than Saxo, putting Armstrong in the lead at that point and setting up the tense finale.

Armstrong and Cancellara share an overall time of 10 hours, 38 minutes, 7 seconds, although the Swiss rider was deemed a fraction ahead.

"That's Swiss timing," Cancellara said, laughing. "Time is on my side."

After first expressing "a bit of disappointment" on French TV about not capturing the yellow shirt, 37-year-old Armstrong put his ride in perspective.

"That's the way it is. We did our best," he said. "At one point, we thought we had it, but if I look back on our performance ... we were as sound as we could be.

"I have no regrets. I don't look at that and lose sleep or get disappointed. This is a long race, maybe there's one [yellow jersey] in my future."

The potential rivalry between Armstrong and star teammate Alberto Contador, the Spaniard who won the 2007 Tour, has become a major subtext to the race.

They shelved any such rivalry Tuesday. Armstrong said he appealed to Contador before the race to work together to distance other contenders.

"My point was to Alberto, 'Look, let's ride perfect and make this race almost impossible to win for others,' " he said. "And I think we can say that we accomplished that."

Defending champion Carlos Sastre of Spain is 2:44 back; two-time runner-up Cadel Evans of Australia is 2:59 behind; and Giro d'Italian champ Denis Menchov of Russia is 3:52 back.

On the silver screen

HOLLYWOOD When Lance Armstrong surged to third place overall Monday in the Tour de France, plenty of news crews recorded his heroics. But six of the video cameras trained on him weren't working for any newspaper, magazine, TV station or Web site—they were sent by Sony Pictures Entertainment.

Hollywood loves beat-the-odds stories, and Sony hopes that Armstrong's return to racing after a 3½-year absence could prove as enthralling as any make-believe film. The studio currently is financing a feature documentary chronicling Armstrong's attempt to win the world's most prestigious bike race.

"In all of my sporting experience, I've never seen anything like it," Frank Marshall, the untitled documentary's producer, said from near La Grande-Motte, France. "We're very pleased."

Break it up

Jen Patterson is on "Monsters in the Morning" 6-9 a.m. weekdays. Julie DiCaro is on ChicagoNow 24-7 at **chicagonow.com/blogs/league-of-her-own**.

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1 Who needs the All-Star break more: Cubs or White Sox?	The Cubs—we need to rest up for the playoffs. The Sox have all postseason to rest.	Milton Bradley stinks. Oh, how I love non sequiturs.	The Cubs. If baseball was an office job, their tie would be caught in the paper shredder.	Me. All these ups and downs are giving me a headache.	The Cubs so Aramis can take a nap.
2 How can you tell when NASCAR drivers are in town?	There are a lot more jug bands than usual in the area.	My wife has a date for Friday night.	If you're in the Loop and you see grown men changing another man's shoes every three blocks.	Suddenly Chicago drivers don't look so crazy.	More business in the front and more parties in the back.
3 What do you expect out of Michael Phelps at Wednesday's national championships?	I'm going out on a limb—I bet he wins something!	I'll be blunt. My pot of jokes is empty.	I expect him to make a stirring and tearful tribute to MJ (Mary Jane).	A medal in one hand, a "water pipe" in the other.	He'll smoke the competition, then he'll win the race.
4 What would be your strategy in the World Series of Poker?	Cleavage. Lots of it.	Go fish!	I know nada about poker. If I played, Kenny Rogers would perform last rites.	X-ray glasses—you win some, you lose some.	Can't read Mum Mum Mum Mah P-p-p-poker face, p-p-poker face.
5 How did you take the news that Anna Kournikova might be engaged?	Much better than I took the news that Enrique Iglesias might be engaged.	The same way I took the news that my Internet connection wasn't working.	I'll just find someone else who's better at looking hot than her day job. Hello, Megan Fox ...	Ugh. Does that mean she'll get even more attention she doesn't deserve?	I went to Vegas and got in a bar brawl.

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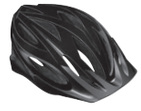

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Carlos Zambrano
AP

ATLANTA 2, CUBS 1

Another Cubs bidder

Tribune Co. has not turned its attention away from a second buyer for the Cubs, despite closing in on an agreement with the Ricketts family.

A person involved in the negotiations said Tuesday that Tribune Co. is "working on a deal" to sell the team, Wrigley Field and other assets to a group led by New York investor and former Chicagoan Marc Utay.

"They are not as far along as the Ricketts family but making quick progress," said the source.

» Just when things were getting back to normal, the Cubs announced Tuesday's starter, Ryan Dempster, has been placed on the 15-day disabled list with a broken big right toe. Dempster said he caught his foot on the dugout railing while jumping out of the dugout running onto the field after Sunday's win over the Brewers.

Mark Buehrle
AP

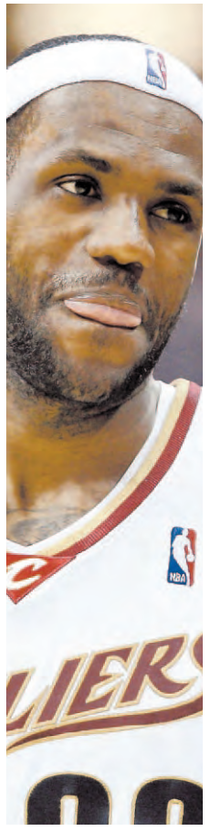
WHITE SOX 10, CLEVELAND 6

Sox acquire relief pitcher

The White Sox acquired relief pitcher Tony Pena from the Arizona Diamondbacks for minor-league first baseman Brandon Allen, who was hitting .282 with eight homers at Double A Birmingham. Pena, 27, was 5-3 with a 4.24 ERA in 37 appearances. He is expected to join the White Sox bullpen Wednesday.

Fit for a king

The King of Pop may be gone—he'll certainly never be forgotten—but the sports world's kings are alive and well. In case you've forgotten them or never even known them, here are a few.



LeBron 'King' James

The Cleveland Cavaliers forward is only 25, but he's already been the NBA Rookie of the Year, the MVP and an Olympic gold medal winner. When the Cavs recently traded for Shaquille O'Neal, Shaq said his goal was to "win ring for the King."

Richard 'The King' Petty

The NASCAR legend won the racing series' title seven times and stockpiled a record 200 race victories. He is now a NASCAR team owner, most recently winning the Toyota/SaveMart 350 at Infineon Raceway in Sonoma, Calif., with driver Kasey Kahne.

Jerry 'The King' Lawler

The wrestler who made his name by having an on-air smackdown with comedian Andy Kaufman on "Late Night with David Letterman" in 1982 won more than 140 titles in his career. He's currently wrestling in the WWE.

Arnold Palmer, 'The King'

"Are you coming to my tournament?" Palmer asked Tiger Woods in March. Woods had not planned on playing in Palmer's tournament, but immediately changed his mind. Only a king can wield that much power.

Billie Jean King

The part-time Chicago resident is the King of tennis and strangely enough shares the name of a famous Michael Jackson song. She is best known for beating Bobby Riggs—a man—in the Battle of the Sexes in 1973. She also won 12 grand slam singles titles and 16 grand slam doubles titles.

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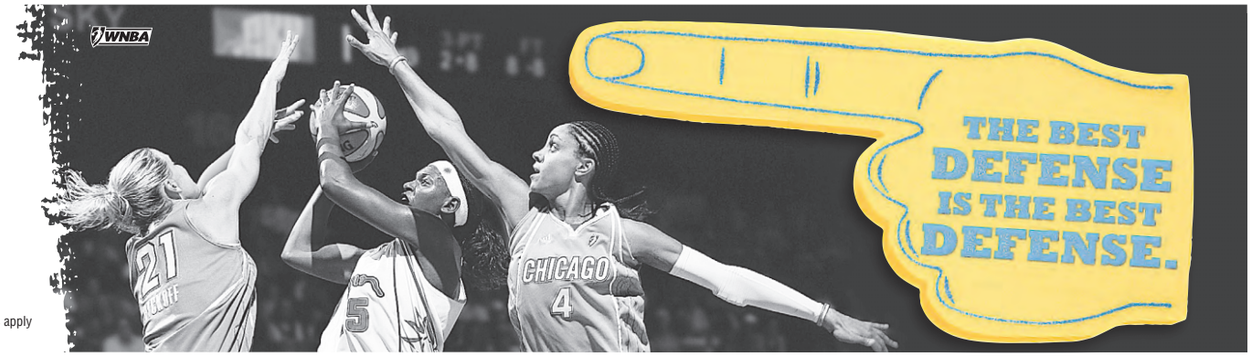

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Catching air

Make the most of your lunch hour with an alfresco meal

By Mindy Yahr

Finally. The summer sun is shining and temps are staying above 75 degrees for more than four hours at a time. And you're stuck in a cubicle on the windowless 17th floor of a downtown office building staring at a computer.

Sounds like it's time for a lunch break. You may not have time to make it to the beach, but you can use those precious minutes away from your desk to bask in the midday sun. Check out the noontime scene at these six spots rolling out alfresco seating for the first time this summer.

Chicago River Dogs on the Riverwalk
BARRY BRECHEISEN FOR METROMIX

Chicago River Dog Cafe

Chicago Riverwalk, between Clark and LaSalle Streets

Your spot in the sun: This tucked-away cafe, the latest addition to the Chicago Riverwalk's lineup of seasonal concessions, operates out of a green trailer situated on the south bank of the river. It's a no-frills operation (paper and plastic plates and glassware are the norm at all Riverwalk venues), but the dozen or so tables with umbrellas provide prime seating for more than 50 just feet from the water. Lunchers beware: It's only open on sunny days.

Don't miss: Panini ($7), including a popular salami and blue cheese version, and Balkan crepes ($2) for dessert. Chicago-style dogs ($5) also make the menu, of course.

Chutney Joe's

511 S. State St. 312-341-9755

Your spot in the sun: When the sun's shining, the 12 seats on the covered sidewalk cafe at this South Loop Indian quick-serve are usually occupied. Be patient: Turnover's fast, so a table likely will be yours within 15 minutes.

Don't miss: Lamb rogan josh ($4.99), especially if you don't mind a little extra heat on an already hot afternoon. Veg and vegan options abound too—we like the vegan-approved gobi potatoes ($3.99).

Sunda

110 W. Illinois St. 312-644-0500

Your spot in the sun: Billy Dec and Co.'s River North Asian spot recently launched both a lunch menu and a new sidewalk patio filled with wooden tables and flower boxes. Though the 30-seat cafe is popular during lunch, there's usually a vacant table or two for immediate seating.

Don't miss: Banh mi sandwiches ($12-$14), Vietnamese classics made with chicken, steak or ahi tuna and served on French bread with spice butter and pickled veggies. Famished? Go for a lunch combo ($18), which includes miso soup or a salad, three pieces of a sushi roll and an entree such as shrimp and sea bass curry or char siu barbecue pork.

Market

1113 W. Randolph St. 312-929-4787

Your spot in the sun: The 15-seat sidewalk cafe at this sporty West Loop lounge and restaurant packs quickly during lunch, so call ahead if you have your sights set on a Randolph Street seat. Of course, the alternative—a table in the 100-seat beer garden—isn't too shabby either.

Don't miss: Shareable pizzas, including chicken vesuvio ($12) with spinach, potatoes, peas and alfredo sauce. If that has "3 p.m. food coma" written all over it, stay on the lighter side with a Body Builder turkey sandwich ($10) with egg whites, tomato, cheese and spinach.

Hub 51

51 W. Hubbard St. 312-828-0051

Your spot in the sun: Outsmart the dinner crowds at this River North hot spot and grab one of 40 seats on the narrow Hubbard Street patio during the more modest lunch rush. If you get chilly under the umbrellas, the staff is happy to provide you with a Snuggie.

Don't miss: Taco platters ($14-$17), a clear standout on a lunch menu that includes everything from salads and burgers to sushi and nachos. Choose from chicken, pulled pork, fish or steak, served with toppings such as roasted tomato salsa and cabbage slaw.

Province

161 N. Jefferson St. 312-669-9900

Your spot in the sun: By the time muggy August afternoons set in, this West Loop restaurant is going to have one of the best lunch hideaways around. The 30-plus seat patio is fully enclosed by a 6-foot wall, adorned with planters and covered with a cooling shade. The only catch: It's not quite finished—you'll have to wait about another two weeks.

Don't miss: Poached farm egg and squash salad ($8), a light and local option, or cornmeal-crusted farmed trout sandwich ($12) with serrano tartar sauce and fingerling salad.

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best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
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Veggie Bingo

Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433

Raise money for community gardens while vying for locally grown prizes (think honey and hot sauce). Includes free hot dogs and tofu dogs. Country singer Lawrence Peters is this week's guest caller. 6 p.m. $1 per card, $5 for six cards.

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SummerDance: Jackson Park

63rd Street Beach, 6300 S. Lake Shore Drive. 312-742-4007.

The alfresco series expands beyond Grant Park with a dance lesson in salsa and cha-cha (6 p.m.) followed by live music (7 p.m.) from Orquesta Iluziones.

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Play Nine with No. 9

The Green at Grant Park, 352 E. Monroe St.

Mini-golf gets a celebrity upgrade as Chicago Bear Robbie Gould (No. 9) plays the ninth hole during this 18-hole benefit game. Includes a buffet, open bar, silent auction and raffle. 6 p.m. $75. 630-315-2964.

Bastille Day 5K Run, Walk and Block Party

Jackson Boulevard and Aberdeen Street

Toast Paris a little early (July 14 marks the actual French holiday) with a benefit jaunt through the West Loop. Stick around for live music and food and beer vendors. 7:30 p.m. $27-$30; $5 block party only. 773-868-3010.

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Skinny Girl Cocktail Party

Enclave, 220 W. Chicago Ave. 312-654-0234.

Raven-haired go-getter Bethenny Frankel of Bravo's "The Real Housewives of New York City" hosts Sheque Chicago's sixth anniversary bash. Includes wine and cocktails, appetizers, and beauty treatments. 8 p.m. $30. Tickets: **shequeevents.com**

Arj Barker

Lakeshore Theater, 3175 N. Broadway. 773-472-3492.

The comedian and co-writer of "The Marijuana-Logues" returns to Lakeshore. 7:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday. $20.

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DELEECE GRILL PUB
Wed.: Whiskey Wednesday. $4 Maker's Mark shots, half-price whiskey flights, $5 pulled pork sandwiches with fries; Thu., Sun.: $20 three-course menu; 3313 N. Clark St. 773-348-3313.

Metromix's dining picks

GREAT LAKES BEER DINNER
The Publican continues its monthly brewmaster's dinner series with a four-course menu of dishes such as grilled white sea bass with sweet corn and littleneck clams, and fettuccine with peas, artichokes and buffalo mozzarella, paired with beer from Great Lakes Brewing Company, including Eliot Ness (amber lager) and Edmund Fitzgerald (porter). $55-$60, $45 without pairings. Seatings begin at 5 p.m. Sunday. 837 W. Fulton Market. 312-733-9555.

NUEVO LATINO COOKING CLASS
Join Carnivale executive chef Mark Mendez for a two-hour crash course in cooking summery Latin dishes such as guacamole and ceviche. Includes samples, mimosas and micheladas. $25. Reservations required. Noon Saturday. 702 W. Fulton St. 312-850-5005.

LOBSTER FESTIVAL
A two-month crustacean celebration at this River North spot means a $34.99 three-course lobster boil and lobster specials galore, including lobster thermidor, New England lobster rolls and lobster bisque. Two-person minimum for lobster dinner (served family-style). 21 E. Hubbard St. 773-378-3818.

The Publican
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ERWIN
Wed.-Sun.: $18 three-course dinner. Entrees change daily and include meatloaf, fried chicken and Memphis-style barbecue ribs; 2925 N. Halsted St. 773-528-7200.

FLEMING'S PRIME STEAKHOUSE & WINE BAR
Wed.-Sun.: $6 select cocktails, glasses of wine and appetizers; Wed.-Sun.: $35.95 three-course dinner; 25 E. Ohio St. 312-329-9463.

KINZIE STREET CHOPHOUSE
3-6 p.m. Wed.-Fri., 4-6 p.m. Sat.-Sun.: $2.95 and $5 bar menus with drink purchase; Wed.-Sun.: $20 three-course lunch and dinner menu; 400 N. Wells St. 312-822-0191.

KOHAN JAPANESE RESTAURANT
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LA MADIA
11:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Wed.-Sun.: $15 three-course lunch; Wed.-Sun.: $5 select glasses of wine; 9 p.m. Wed.-Thu., Sun.: Late Night Fixe. Two people can fill up with salad, pizza and a glass of wine or beer for $30 ($20 without alcohol); 59 W. Grand Ave. 312-329-0400.

MARKETHOUSE
Wed.: Half-price select martinis; Thu.: Half-price bottles of wine with entree purchase; Sun.: $30 three-course meal; 611 N. Fairbanks Ct. Doubletree Hotel Chicago. 312-224-2200.

THE MELTING POT
6-8:30 p.m. Thu.: $18.99 three-course meal for women; 6-10 p.m. Fri.-Sat.: Wine tasting and live acoustic music (8:30 p.m.). No cover; 609 N. Dearborn St. 312-573-0011.

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Wed.: $5 glasses of wine; Thu.: $1.50 mini-sliders; 835 N. Michigan Ave. 312-335-4745.

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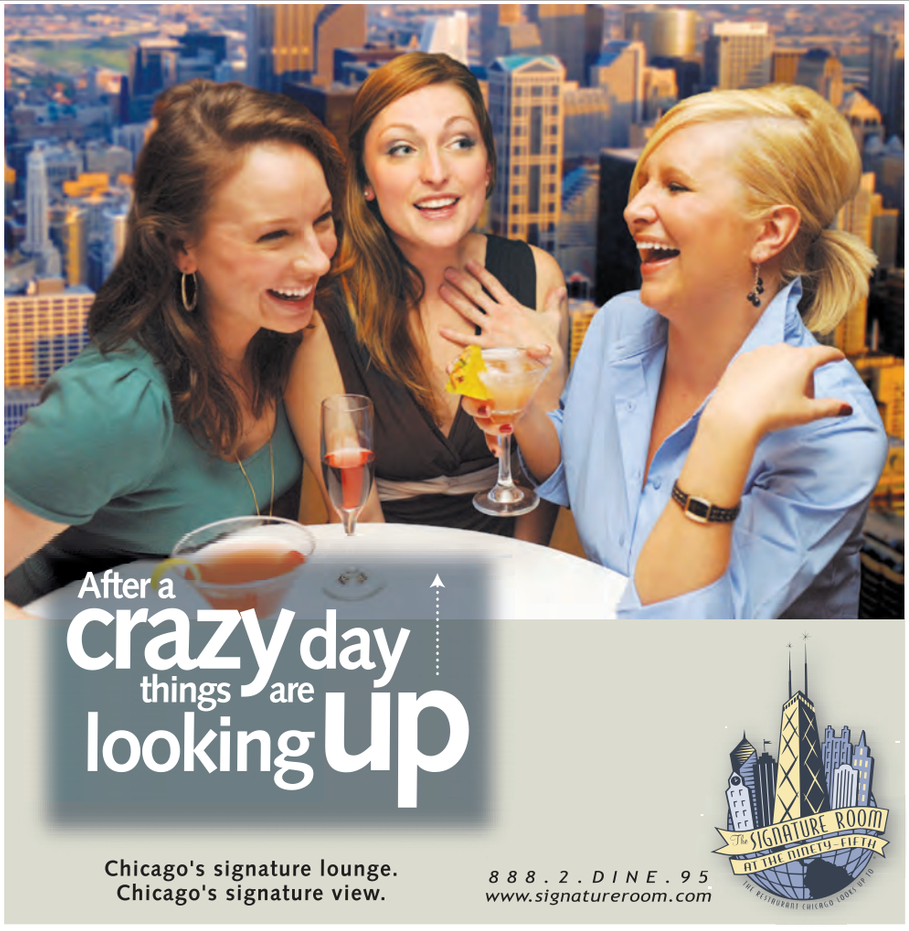
SHULA'S STEAK HOUSE
Wed.-Sun.: $39.95 three-course menu; Sun.: Half-priced glasses and select bottles of wine; 301 E. North Water St. Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers. 312-670-0788.

VIAND RESTAURANT
Wed.: Half-price glasses and bottles of wine; Wed.-Fri.: $5.95 lunch specials; 4-7 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: Half-price bar menu with purchase of drink; 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Fri.: $5 entree salads; 155 E. Ontario St. Courtyard by Marriott Chicago Downtown hotel. 312-255-8505.



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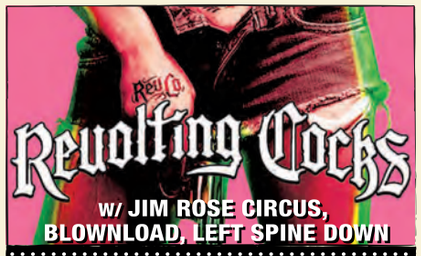

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Random Acts of Greatness

5 things we're loving this week

1 **Kayak rental** from Kayak Chicago at **Montrose Harbor** (4400 N. Lakeshore Drive; $15 an hour for a single, $25 an hour for tandem). It's fun, safe and not too physically demanding—and makes a great date if the weather ever cooperates.

2 The **first-floor private room** at **Quartino** (626 N. State St.). There's no extra fee to reserve the space, you can hear your pals on the other end of the table, and if you ask nicely, the server will change the TV from "The Ten Commandments" to "What Not to Wear."

Kayak Chicago rentals on the Chicago River
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3 We're happy to report chef Andre Christopher's **sausage-stuffed chicken** is just as delicious at his new home, **Little Bucharest Bistro** (3661 N. Elston Ave.), as it was at his former spot, Grocery Bistro. Little Bucharest's outdoor patio isn't too shabby either. (We hope the service and wine list soon catch up to everything else.)

4 The **duck gyro** ($21) at Wicker Park's **Taxim** (1558 N. Milwaukee Ave.). Pricey but worth it.

5 **Fast, inexpensive sandwiches, pizza and pasta** at month-old quick-serve diner **Bread Basket** (4725 W. Belmont Ave.). For a mere $5.25, we stuffed ourselves on spaghetti with better-than-average marinara and garlic toast.

Join the randomness!

What are you loving this week? Log onto **metromix.com** to send us your own Random Acts of Greatness. You might spot your pick in a future issue.

Wednesday deals

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ASHLAND
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BOTTOM LOUNGE
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BUTTERFLY SOCIAL CLUB
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CANS
8 p.m.: Dirty Bingo. The popular board game gets a raunchy reworking at this monthly bash. The $10 cover buys players 10 Bingo boards and one drink (each additional board costs $1; every $10 board comes with a drink). Includes prizes. $10; 1640 N. Damen Ave. 773-227-2277.

CITIZEN BAR
$6 flatbread pizzas, $15 domestic pitchers. No cover; 364 W. Erie St. 312-640-1156.

CORTLAND'S GARAGE
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THE CROSSROADS
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DISTRICT BAR
$3 Miller Lite bottles and drafts; 170 W. Ontario St. 312-337-3477.

FLO
$4.50 Cuervo margaritas, $18 Cuervo margarita pitchers; 1434 W. Chicago Ave. 312-243-0477.

FLOUNDER'S
8 p.m.: Pub quiz. Pub trivia with prizes and up to five players per team. Players should arrive by 7:30 p.m. Drink specials include $3 Bud Light and Miller Lite drafts. No cover; 2201 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-472-9920.

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Half-price appetizers with drink purchase after 5 p.m.; 325 S. Franklin St. 312-212-3262.

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GRAND RIVER
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HARRY CARAY'S
$2 Budweiser bottles, $3.50 Goose Island drafts; 3551 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-327-7800.

HIDEOUT
6 p.m.: Veggie Bingo. Snack on free hot dogs and tofu dogs while you play for the chance to win fruits and veggies, honey, hot sauce and more. $1 per card, $5 for six cards; 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

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5 p.m.: Doggy Happy Hour. Have drinks with your pooch on the patio. Each week, a different vendor, shelter, boutique or other dog-related group attends. Drink specials include $5 vodka lemonades and $5 Coors Light pitchers, plus water bowls for dogs. No cover; 940 W. Weed St. 312-337-3486.

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NIGHTCRAWLERS *Photos of who we've seen on the scene*

The white stuff

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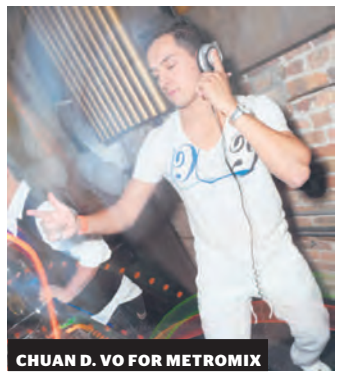

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MORSELAND
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MYSTIC CELT
35 cent wings, $3.50 Peroni drafts, $6 wraps with fries or salad, $8.50 steak sandwich and fries, $14 Miller Lite buckets; 3443 N. Southport Ave. 773-529-8550.

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$3.50 Bud Light bottles, $5 bombs, karaoke 9 p.m.; 1339 N. Wells St. 312-266-6789.

PARAMOUNT ROOM
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$1 Bud Light drafts, $2 well drinks, $3 bombs, half-price appetizers; 1635 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-2680.

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$3 Miller Lite and Bud Light drafts, $4 select shots, $20 for domestic bucket and a large pizza; 425 W. Armitage Ave. 312-944-5087.

SIMONE'S BAR
10 p.m.: Northern Soul. DJs Jewn the Goon and Slim Zee Brown spin funk, soul and reggae at this monthly dance party. No cover; 960 W. 18th St. 312-666-8601.

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WEATHER MARK TAVERN
$2 domestic bottles, $6 select sandwiches and salads; 1503 S. Michigan Ave. 312-588-0230.

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$3 Corona, Corona Light and Pacifico bottles, $3 Bushmills shots; 1617 N. Wells St. 312-944-1617.

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No fear!

Clowns? Bulls? Folk? Will Phalen sees no reason to be afraid

By Matt Pais

"What we're trying to do with this album is to be the quintessential Midwestern rock band," says singer Will Phalen. "We're really proud to be from the Midwest. It's an album about the Midwest, by the Midwest."

Indeed, "Middle West," the new sophomore record from Will Phalen and the Stereo Addicts, is all about the Midwestern vibe, from its wandering, melancholy folk-rock sound to titles like "Illinois Line" and "We Know Who We Are" to the flat landscape on the disc's cover.

Nearly all of the group—which takes influences from '60s and '70s artists like The Byrds and Neil Young—lives in Milwaukee, but singer-guitarist Phalen, 27, has lived in Old Town since September. How does that setup work, you ask? Exactly how you'd think: "I've spent a lot of time driving back and forth between Chicago and Milwaukee," Phalen says.

You've got a song called "Clown Parade." Does the image of clowns on parade not freak you out?

[Laughs] I'm actually a huge fan of clowns. I have a clown collection that I inherited from my grandfather and everybody hates it. Everybody is disturbed by it. I've never understood that fear of clowns.

What is a clown collection?!

I've got all these figurines of clowns and paintings of clowns. Not actual real, human-being clowns sitting around in my living room.

Yet you've never understood why people are scared of them.

No, I haven't. I have theories, but I think clowns are fun and they're there to make us all happy.

How do you describe your sound in five words or less?

I call it psychedelic Midwestern folk-rock.

What is Midwestern music to you?

I think it's yet to be defined to a certain degree. ... I think all the Midwestern cities are the same in that if you're in a city, you're never far from the country and vice-versa. In terms of how that translates into the music, I think we have this blend between urban sounds—more rock 'n' roll or electric sounds—and the more rural, traditional sounds of country music or folk music.

Some people think anything with a twang sounds like someone serenading his pig.

I think there's maybe a little bit of that. I guess maybe I'm a little insulated [from] it 'cause I don't get out enough and talk to people about what their perceptions are about the Midwest. We kind of played a joke on that. We filmed a music video for our single "I Can't Run" in a cow pasture in Wisconsin.

How did that go?

The first thing that happened is we set up our instruments in this cow pasture with these grass-fed cows. They're not dairy cows. They're somewhat wild, as wild as a cow can be. In a music video you lip-sync, but we actually played our instruments, and as soon as we started playing the cows all ran away. We didn't know quite how to take that.

Were you insulted?

No, I thought it was funny. I think the noise scared them away. Once we got situated again they seemed to stick around and seemed to enjoy it.

Just like humans. They gotta give folk a chance.

Exactly.

Local focus

Will Phalen's Chicago personality test

Fave bar, classy: Hopleaf, 5148 N. Clark St.
Fave bar, non-classy: Old Town Ale House, 219 W. North Ave.
Fave burger: Wells on Wells, 1617 N. Wells St.
Best deep-dish pizza: Edwardo's
Best meal: Old Jerusalem, 1411 N. Wells St.
Fave Chicago celeb: Bill Murray
Least fave: Kanye West

Will Phalen and the Stereo Addicts
When: 9:30 p.m. Friday
Where: Subterranean, 2011 W. North Ave.
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Any other snafus? No one stepped in anything?

The farmer told us there was a bull in the herd. [The farmer] was on site when we were filming, like, "That's the bull over there. If you see it coming towards you, just get out of the way." Later on, [he asked], "What's the name of the song you're doing?" and I'm like, "It's called, 'I Can't Run.' " [He said], "I hope that's not true because if that bull comes your way he's going to get the slowest one." I think his line was, "You don't have to run fast. You just have to run faster than the guy next to you."

If that had happened mid-take, would you have kept filming and used it?

Yeah, we told the guys who were directing the video, "If anything happens, keep filming. We're filming no matter what." Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on how you look at it, that never happened.

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FAST FWD

TOP 5 PICKS FOR THIS WEEK'S SHOWS

A dynamite headliner for Folk and Roots Fest.

1 Black Joe Lewis and the Honeybears

8:30 p.m. Sat. at Welles Park

2 The Veronicas

7 p.m. Sat. at Metro

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3 No Doubt

7:30 p.m. Sat. at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre

Missed 'em at Summerfest?

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'BLACKsummers'night'

(Columbia Records)

The first disc in a planned trilogy, this crooner's first album since 2001's "Now" proves neo-soul is still alive and sexy. Recorded with a live 10-piece band, "BLACKsummers'night" grooves on legitimate songs (rather than Maxwell's previous vamps), while the man puts lots of soul and feeling into ruminations on regrets, forgiveness and women he lost or never had. Maxwell's lyrics aren't always on par with his voice—on "Cold" he sings, "Hell hath no fury than the flurry of your snow/global warming ain't got nothing on this chick"—but everything is delivered with such wonderful falsetto-based yearning that it barely matters. These are either sex jams for summer lounging or for a hormone-laden picnic that's about to get very, very interesting.

Chali 2na

'Fish Outta Water'

(Decon Records)

Opener "Get Focused" kicks off the Jurassic 5 MC's solo debut perfectly, literally welcoming listeners to the album while unrolling 2na's trademark badass baritone over a tasty old-school beat. The South Side native also turns in classic 2na material in "Don't Stop" (Best line: "Watch what you say instead of sayin' what you watch") and the DJ Nu-Mark-produced, very J5-esque "Comin' Thru." 2na gets personal on "The Righteous Way" and the heartfelt "4 Be Be" (about his cousin killed in the 2003 tragedy at the E2 nightclub) but that deep voice needs deeper lyrics than the obvious "Love's Gonna Getcha." And while most rappers do some bragging on their debut, 2na is better than "So Crazy," a dull, dark-as-midnight boast-a-thon.

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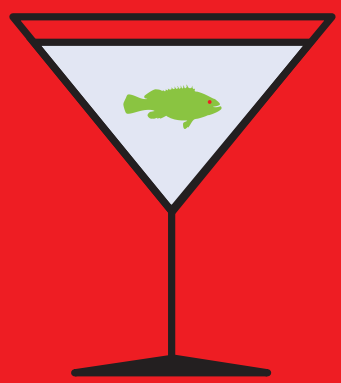

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Panda, Thursday, Aug. 27 ($35-$38, 17+) at House of Blues.

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Japandroids, The Coathangers, Friday, Oct. 9 ($12, 21+) at Schubas.

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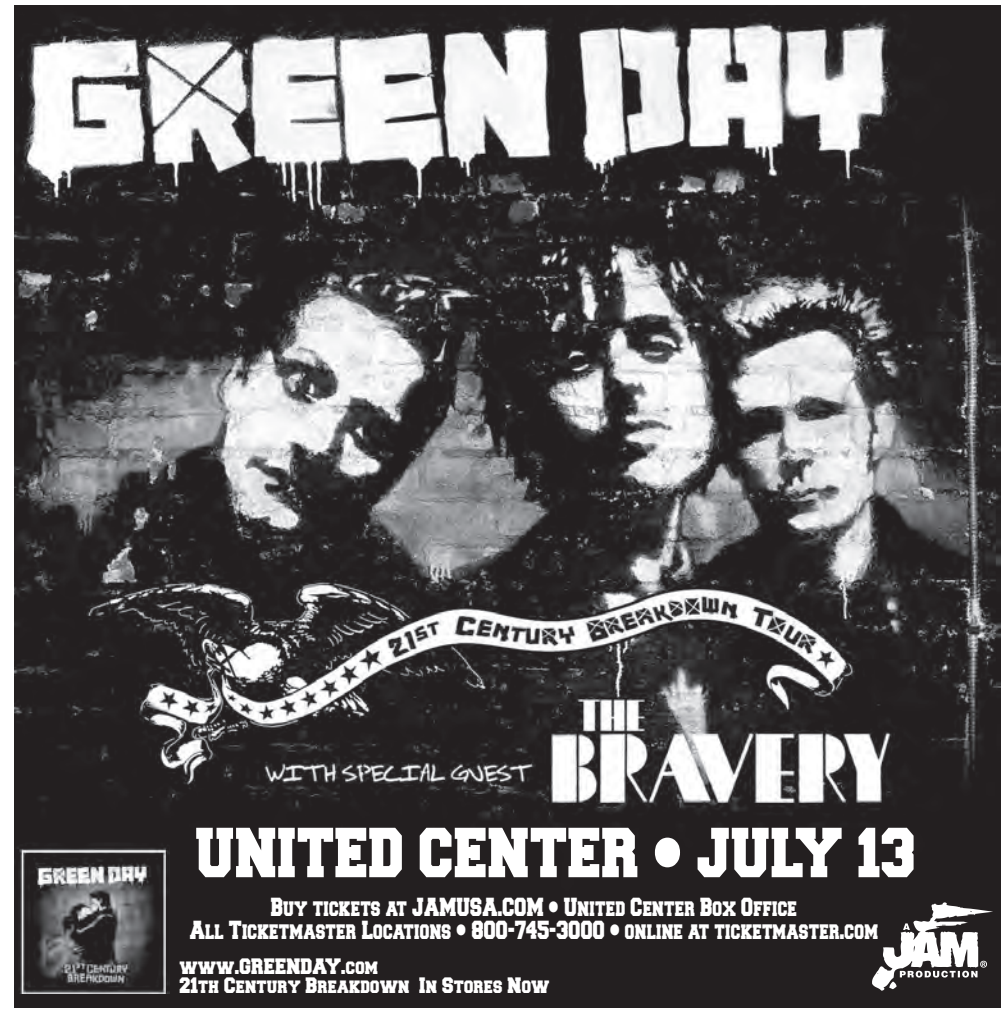

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Sibyl Goldman, a Yahoo entertainment group vice president, leads an "omg" Web site meeting in Santa Monica, Calif. AP FILE

sunny side of GOSSIP

Yahoo's celebrity news site is getting lots of hits thanks to its positive spin

Associated Press

Think of the most popular brands in celebrity news, and you'll probably come up with a list that includes Entertainment Tonight, US Weekly and People.

Consider the most successful celebrity news destinations online, and something else jumps to the top. For more than a year, one site has attracted more eyeballs than any other in the realm of celebrity gossip: Yahoo's omg.

With a dedicated staff of just five people and more than a dozen shared with other Yahoo sites, the company has settled on a formula that Yahoo Media Group head Jimmy Pitaro calls "highly profitable," though Yahoo won't reveal details.

The fact that Yahoo's entertainment site outdraws rivals that aim to break news—such as **tmz.com**, which broke the news of Michael Jackson's death—helps illustrate that success online doesn't always mean being first and having exclusives.

It also marks a rare success for the struggling Internet portal, which has shed thousands of employees and shuttered several businesses, a process CEO Carol Bartz accelerated after being hired in January.

Omg puts a light, positive spin on articles and other tidbits that mostly come from other news organizations such as "Access Hollywood" and The Associated Press. The vital placement of omg links and blurbs on Yahoo's home page gives it access to some 500 million unique visitors a month.

The strategy has vaulted the 2-year-old site past People and TMZ, both units of Time Warner, as well as other popular celebrity sites like **perezhilton.com**.

According to the latest figures from tracking firm comScore, omg clocked 20.6 million unique visitors in May, a 65 percent increase from a year ago and more than No. 2 TMZ and No. 3 People combined.

The majority of the omg traffic comes from people who click through Yahoo's home page, which critics and competitors view as giving it an unfair advantage. Although omg readers view on average half the number of pages once they arrive—about 16 compared with 29 for all entertainment news properties—the site is still top-ranked in overall page views in the category.

Other large media organizations have taken notice. In February, Microsoft and Hollywood production company BermanBraun jointly launched Wonderwall with a similar strategy of drawing traffic from a large portal—in this case, Microsoft's MSN. Like omg, Wonderwall runs on a small staff, about a dozen full time.

"Our traffic has been beyond any estimates that any of us had projected," said BermanBraun co-owner Lloyd Braun, a TV executive and former head of the Yahoo Media Group.

In April, the last month its data were broken out, Wonderwall had 9 million unique visitors, putting it past People and into third behind TMZ had it been ranked by comScore among other entertainment news sites.

"They would not be there were they not affili-

ated with a Yahoo or an MSN or these large corporate entities," celebrity blogger Perez Hilton said. "I think their numbers are misleading."

Omg, like its rivals, says it has been gradually succeeding at deriving more of its traffic "organically," through search queries or people bookmarking the pages. But there's no question traffic from the portal helps it stand out among some 1,000 or so celebrity news sites that have popped up, and occasionally dropped out, over the past several years.

The tone of omg, like Yahoo itself, is bright, breezy and nonjudgmental. Blurbs written by omg staff link to original stories and photos elsewhere on Yahoo or at other sites. Following Jackson's unexpected death, omg took a respectful, celebratory view of the pop icon's life through photo galleries and celebrity reaction stories, leaving the hard-driving news pieces to Yahoo's front page and news site.

"We just like to tell the happy view on what's going on in the entertainment world," said Sibyl Goldman, an entertainment group vice president.

People.com Editor Mark Golin said that while sites that riff on news written elsewhere may capture a lot of visitors, reliance on a portal home page may not work in the long term. Although People benefits from links on AOL's home page and other sites—even omg—Golin said most traffic comes to the site directly. People writers work both for the magazine and the Web site, although he wouldn't reveal how many.

"We have our own reporters. We create our own center of gravity," Golin said. "Even should readers hear a piece of news somewhere else, they'll still end up coming to us to make sure it's true. You don't necessarily get that with an aggregator."

Benefiting from the largesse of a portal is nothing new: TMZ launched in November 2005 attached to the AOL home page. What is astonishing about omg and Wonderwall's success is the lack of any aspiration to break news, while focusing on glossy, magazine-like packaging and photos.

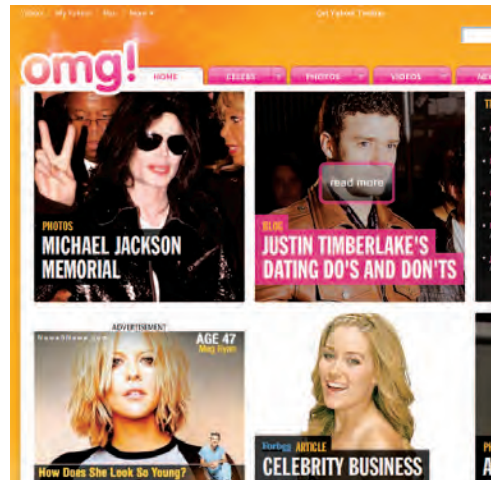
Online entertainment news like omg is getting more crowded with well-financed players. Along with Wonderwall, February saw the launch of DailyFill from News Corp., though there are no plans so far to link it to the company's traffic behemoth, MySpace.

Pitaro said he's not scared of the new competition, even from sites that have mimicked omg's photo-centric navigation page.

"We love the idea that others are investing in the space, because together we'll all be generating buzz and interest in this arena," he said. "But hopefully we'll all grow."

Who's saying what?

Yahoo's omg prides itself on putting a positive spin on celebrity news. You can tell the difference between that site and other top celebrity sites by reading some of the headlines. RedEye surfed the Web at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and spotted these. **REDEYE**



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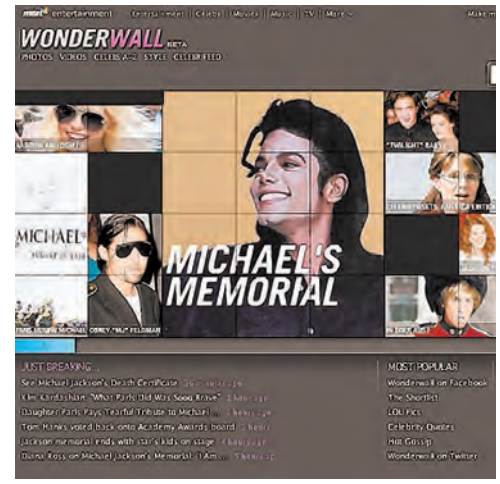

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Breaking news of Jackson's death boosts TMZ traffic

Associated Press

Breaking the news of Michael Jackson's death boosted weekly traffic at **tmz.com**, putting it ahead of all other celebrity news sites for the first time since it posted an exclusive police photo of a bruised Rihanna in February.

"That set the record for us back in February and this one severely trumped that," TMZ General Manager Pam Russo said.

TMZ's traffic rose 70 percent year-over-year, attracting 7.95 million visitors in the week that ended June 28, according to tracking firm comScore. Three days earlier, TMZ reported Jackson's death at least a half hour before other news organizations were able to confirm details.

Category leader omg, a unit of Yahoo, was second during the period with 7.84 million visitors.

The Rihanna photo, which TMZ posted Feb. 22, vaulted the site to a record-breaking week with 6.83 million visitors.

The pop star's ex-boyfriend Chris Brown later pleaded guilty to one count of felony assault.

TMZ founders Harvey Levin (right) and Jim Paratore

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There seems to be a great misconception that just because riesling can be sweet, it can't be taken seriously. Well, I am proud to say it happens to be one of my all-time favorite styles of wine, and this is a sentiment shared by many of my wine colleagues.

Riesling is a zippy wine noted for its flavors of green apples, peaches, white flowers and honey. It rarely sees oak treatment in order to preserve the fresh flavors of the grape. It can be made in all levels of sweetness, from tart and tangy whites to full-bodied and unctuous dessert wines. Riesling also has the uncanny ability to pick up the flavor characteristics of the soil in which it is planted. You can literally taste the vineyard, and this can be quite magical.

Riesling is naturally high in acid, so a certain amount of sugar sometimes needs to be left in the wine to balance the tartness, especially if the grape is grown in cooler climates such as Germany, where ripening can be difficult. And sweetness isn't always a bad thing. The Germans actually give grapes with increased degrees of ripeness higher quality ratings.

In warmer regions such as Alsace, France or Australia, where ripening is not a problem and the acid levels are lower, the wine may be fermented to complete dryness, leaving a bottle that is full bodied yet fruity with flavors of tart green apples and stone fruits.

Of course, not all rieslings are sweet. You can determine if the riesling is sweet or dry by looking at the alcohol percentage on the label. Wines between 7 percent and 11 percent alcohol will have some degree of residual sugar and will taste sweet, while selections above 12 percent will taste fruity but not sweet.

Finally, when it comes to food pairings, riesling can be your best friend. Sweeter styles can be used to tame the heat of curries and spicier foods or contrast the saltiness of preserved meats and pates. Drier rieslings can be an excellent match for sushi and Vietnamese food.

The high levels of acidity in riesling also can help preserve the wine and prevent it from oxidizing, which means you can age certain rieslings for decades. Older rieslings become deeper and rounder in flavor and texture and can be paired with dishes rich with cream, bacon or cheese. REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR ALPANA SINGH IS DIRECTOR OF WINE AND SPIRITS FOR LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU ENTERPRISES AND THE HOST OF "CHECK, PLEASE!" ON WTTW.

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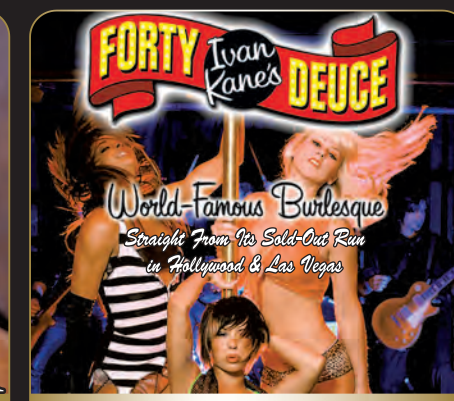

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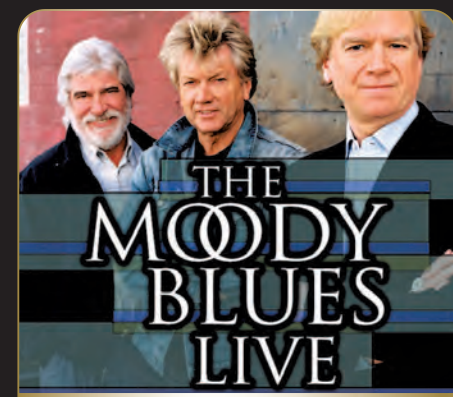

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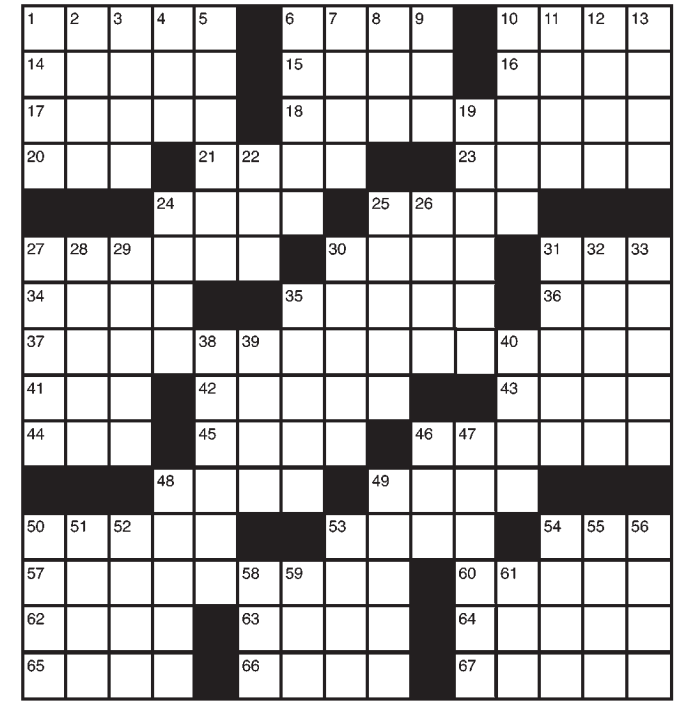

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still rockin' the '90s

Avert your ears, '90s fans. What you're about to hear might not be pretty.

"I think the '90s let everybody down," Def Leppard singer Joe Elliott, who's promoting a new tour, recently told Newsday. "The '90s generation can look back with complete disdain that the only band that's still around is Pearl Jam."

Whoa, dude, that's a pretty heavy accusation. RedEye can think of more than a few left-for-dead '90s faves who actually are still kickin'. And if this list doesn't sway you, Def Leppard is scheduled to play in Tinley Park next week.

New Kids on the Block

Calling card back in the day: Hangin' tough

Current claim to fame: No longer kids, they're on a massive U.S. tour that already has swung by Chicago.

'Buffy the Vampire Slayer'

Back in the day: The 1992 movie written by Joss Whedon was turned into a TV show in 1997.

Current claim to fame: Rumor has it a movie reboot is in the works, but Whedon reportedly is not on board with the project.

Vanilla Ice

Back in the day: Being a white rapper

Current claim to fame: He's been cultivating a rocker persona over the years, and he told the Tribune at Cans Outdoor Music Fest last month that he, too, is working on another reality project.

Sandra 'Pepa' Denton, Rozonda 'Chilli' Thomas

Back in the day: Denton was one half of Salt n Pepa. Thomas was in the TLC trio.

Current claim to fame: According to a recent item in The Hollywood Reporter, they're getting their own reality gigs on VH1. Supposedly the network will chronicle both women's quest for love and romance.

'90210'

Back in the day: When it was called "Beverly Hills, 90210," it skyrocketed Jennie Garth, Tori Spelling, Brian Austin Green and Luke Perry into stardom—among many others.

Current claim to fame: Jennie Garth is still making it happen. And that kid from "The Wire" is on it.

M.C. Hammer

Back in the day: Parachute pants and the Grammy-winning track "U Can't Touch This"

Current claim to fame: A proud father, he tells USA Today that his new A&E reality show, "Hammertime," is "a cross between the Huxtable family on 'The Cosby Show' and 'Good Times.'" Oh, and we hear he's scheduled to make an appearance at North Avenue Beach on Saturday.

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The romance between on-screen and off-screen paramours Blake Lively and Penn Badgley might seem too good to be true. But it wasn't love at first sight.

"At first I was so upset that they hired him," Lively tells UK Glamour Magazine of her "Gossip Girl" co-star. "I actually poisoned the whole cast against him. But then they noticed that he wasn't a jerk and was actually a really nice, charming person. Almost immediately I realized that too, but it took me about a week to admit it."

3 The number of U.S. cities, including Chicago, added to Nine Inch Nails' final tour, according to an announcement Tuesday on the band's Web site. The announcement said NIN will play the Aragon Ballroom in Chicago, with more details to be released soon. No one at the venue could be reached for confirmation as of press time.

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Celebrity mash-up

Ever wonder what "Sid and Nancy" would have been like if Nancy was a dude and Sid was Zooey Deschanel? Or what if Common and Christopher Mintz-Plasse—a.k.a. McLovin—were in "Training Day?" Even if you haven't, check out those and other videos of celebs reimagining classic flicks at **movies.msn.com/cinemash**.

Baked?

Looks like more drama for Lindsay Lohan. A Florida chemist has filed suit against the actress, claiming her "Sevin Nyne" self-tanning spray formula is a rip-off, according to the St. Petersberg Times. An attorney for Jennifer Sunday told the paper that Sunday only recently completed the ingredients in the Lohan-branded product, which hit shelves this summer.

Love and babies

Penelope Cruz sees kids in her future, but a husband? Not so much. "I want to have babies one day but not right now," she tells the August issue of the U.K. magazine Psychologies, according to **people.com** excerpts. Cruz, who's been linked to Javier Bardem, might not know if she "believe[s] in marriage," but she says she believes "in family, love and children."

Wedding bells for Bethenny?

Is Bethenny Frankel ready to become a housewife—for real? A rep for the "Real Housewives of New York City" star, who has been linked to boyfriend Jason Hoppy for months, confirmed to **usmagazine.com** that Frankel plans on getting hitched. She was spotted sporting a ring Saturday in Miami.

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